

TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN

WONDERFUL THINGS SHOWN AT INDIANAPOLIS STORES.

There is Everything to Please Little Boys and Girls—Much Christmas Shopping.

The stores displaying Christmas toys in the downtown districts are filled every day with happy children who are speculating as to what they are going to ask Santa Claus to bring them for Christmas. The little tots go down town after school hours every day and blockade the aisles in the toy departments and look longingly at the innumerable new things displayed, with prices marked ridiculously low. Many of the children bring with them the money hoarded in their savings banks for the past year to buy holiday gifts for their sisters or brothers or parents. They go to the various stores and price things and finally return to where they can buy most with the least money just as the older people do.

However, there are toys displayed in the shops to suit the purse of every one, rich and poor alike. One of the department stores that deal in toys to a large extent has a splendid assortment of mechanical French toys, including street sweepers, rowers, ballet dancers, etc. Something to delight the boys is shown in an automatic engine house which when in working order rings an alarm, the doors fly open and out come the horses, hose cart and hook and ladder. This toy sells for \$5. One of the newest toys is the automobile. These automobiles come in various sizes and are rubber tired and sell for various prices up to \$5. Walking animals are looked upon with much favor by the little folks and are covered with real hair or fur. A prismatic top is one of the most popular things shown this season. It is furnished with discs and a paint box and brush, and as the top revolves the various colored paints may be applied, forming rings of the different colors. The top sells for 25 cents, including the complete outfit.

A RAILWAY SYSTEM. In another store on Washington street where toys are made one of the special features is a complete railway system is shown, including steel rails, trestle work, side switches, flag stations, depots, round-houses, dispatcher's office, viaducts, turntables and a train shed, together with a train of cars, which sells for \$85. There are steam engines and others that work by clock mechanism priced from \$3.75 to \$20. Then there are gas engines or hot air motors and miniature double expansion engines, as well as turbine engines, the walking beam engine and a traction engine, variously priced from 25 cents to \$35. There is a large assortment of magic lanterns shown, priced between 50 cents and \$12.50. The cinematograph is one of the newest things in this line, and one with six films including forty-eight stationary pictures, is priced at \$1. Another size sells for \$7.50. One of the newest mechanical toys shown is the juggling monkey, which when wound up juggles with a ball. The Rough Rider is another of the new mechanical toys and represents a Rough Rider on a donkey. Another presents a clown and a trained white kitten which runs around in a circle when wound up. Then there are poodle dogs with long, silky white fur, playing cymbals and other games or a trick bicycle rider playing ball as he rides. One of the latest musical toys includes two white cats, one playing a scale while the other sings from a hymn book, both standing on a music box. The toy sells for \$8. Horses and carts are shown in all sizes, beautifully finished with rubber tired wheels and upholstered seats, including traps, road carts, stanhopes, surreys, victorias, etc.

FOR LITTLE GIRLS. Something which would please the little girls is shown in a set of rustic hickory furniture, which is an exact imitation of the larger sets, which sell for \$2 a set. Then there are sets of kitchen, parlor, bedroom, library and bathroom furniture, which sell from 5 cents to \$25. Dolls are shown in pewter, enamel, English and German china, Japanese china and metal, priced from 5 cents to \$4. Stoves come in exact imitations of the larger ones used in all kitchens—the iron stoves sell from 25 cents to \$1.50; steel ranges, for oil or gas, with plated utensils, sell from \$1.50 to \$15. Farmyards, including chickens, chickens, horses, etc., are sold in sets from 25 cents to \$2.50. Sheep folds are sold at the same price. One of the new toys, things in the toy line is the friction toys, which are shown in locomotives, dining cars and automobiles. These toys are wound up by friction and are the only toys that will run up an incline or on any sort of a level about 50 feet, and they are priced at \$1 apiece.

There are few new features in the assortment of dolls shown, as they vary little from year to year. The newest thing this year, however, are the dolls which have real eyebrows and eyelashes. The eyelashes are put on a patent eyelid, but the dolls of this description are rather expensive and are sold at \$3.50 to \$5. The usual lot of dolls shown are similar to last year. There are the china dolls, the china dolls, the patent, unbreakable dolls, the celluloid dolls, the body dolls, the jointed dolls, the beque dolls and combination bisque and kid dolls; then the rubber dolls and the colored dolls, and the dolls which are colored on one end and white on the other. The dolls are as variously dressed, some in party dress, others in reception gowns, while others are summer gowns, dressed with shirt waists and skirts and sailor hats. Others are dressed in winter clothes and muffled in furs. The handsomest dolls are the French dolls, but the demand for them is slight, as they are too high priced. The dolls sell from 1 cent to \$40. There is an endless variety of fur furnishings to select from in jewelry, fur sets, fur trunks, tea sets, dresses, shoes, hairpins and hairbrushes, etc., and one can find a complete doll's house at very little cost.

A department store shows a line of pool tables. The largest size has a slate bed and is large enough for a regular game of billiards. It is priced at \$50. There are other sizes which range in price from \$12 upward. There are punching bags shown and football, tennis sets and croquet sets, as well as baseball bats, and many other numerous ones in travel, which are both instructive and interesting, and then there are also the new number of war games, among the newest being "The Navy Alphabet," the "Army Alphabet," "Wonderful Willie," "The Game of Battles," etc. "In the Farmyard" is another new game, as well as "A Trip to the Paris Exposition." The Boston Topple is a new game and comes in different sizes with an alloy included; then there are combination board games on which several different games can be played.

Lord Kitchener, the Man.

Ensign Brindle, who is known as the fighting chaplain, bishop auxiliary to Cardinal Vaughan, gives some interesting personal reminiscences of his friend, Lord Kitchener, whom he has personally known for the past sixteen years. "He has made it a rule of his life never to raise his foot without knowing where he is going to place it. He is thought to be a hard man. I do not believe him to be hard. But he is certainly a man who wears a heavy cross. Lord Kitchener has set one object before him in life, and that is, to be successful. He has subordinated every other feeling of his nature to that one thought of success. He looks upon men as tools, which, if they are not fit for the work for which they are required, must be replaced.

The result is that he always secures the best men. These men, moreover, never lack their reward. For the men who served under him in the Sudan yesterday, are the men who are serving under him in South Africa to-day."

Speaking of the famous memorial service at Khartoum, at which four chaplains—the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Catholic—officiated, the Bishop says: "At the conclusion, I saw the Sirir with his head bowed in his hands, and tears trickling through his fingers. For many moments he was so overcome that he could not even say a word of thanks to those who had assisted in the service." Strong natures are strongly touched to the issue. It is no wonder that he who, face to face, saw a sight like this, should, while admitting that his friend is a "man with a mask," resent with warmth the charges of hardness and of coldness brought against him.

SUBURBAN SOCIETY NOTES.

Brightwood.

Mr. W. Worley is visiting friends in Texas.

Mrs. Frank Roesch is visiting relatives in Gallon, O.

Mr. C. H. Calgan has returned from a visit to Muncie.

Miss Lillian Morris is visiting relatives in Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Samuel Steele is visiting relatives in Rushsylvania, O.

Mrs. Wilcox, of Omaha, was the guest of friends here last week.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Frankfort, is the guest of Mrs. Ed. Dolby.

Mrs. Davis, of Cincinnati, was the guest of Mrs. Pratt last week.

William Doty has returned from a visit with relatives in Fortville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Titus have returned from a trip to New Albany.

Miss Lotta Morgan, of Clinton, is the guest of Miss Mabel and Mr. C. H. Calgan.

Miss Nellie Crist, of Rochester, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Spaulding.

Mr. Walter Blake, of Greensburg, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist.

Mrs. B. A. Brown will spend the holidays with friends in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Branham have returned from a visit with friends in Madison.

Miss Stella Brown was the hostess for a small party of friends Monday night.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen will give a dance in the town hall, Dec. 31.

Mrs. Hester Kelly, of Greencastle, was the guest of Mrs. Frank Bowers last week.

Mrs. John Curson and son, of Shelbyville, were the guests of Mrs. George Wren last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn Hanna, of Waveland, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fullen-wider last week.

Mrs. Heaton and daughter, of Jefferson City, Kan., are spending the winter with Mrs. Fred Miller.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church held Christmas fair Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

Miss Irene Boswell and Mrs. Kate Lacey, of Noblesville, were the guests of Mrs. E. R. Ringer and family last week.

Rev. R. E. Neighbor will deliver an address before the Anti-Saloon League to-night in the Methodist Church.

Rev. Dr. Fisher, of South Whitley, after spending several weeks here with friends, returned to his home last week.

Mrs. James Cavanaugh and Mrs. Mary Boland, of Anderson, were the guests of Mrs. Charles Mitchell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaney, of Terre Haute, have taken up their residence here and will be at home to their friends after Dec. 18.

The Juniors of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church are arranging to hold an all-night entertainment in the church New Year's eve.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church, at its meeting last week with Miss Stella Brown, elected the following officers: President, Miss George Wren; vice president, Miss Elizabeth Bentley; secretary, Mrs. Gilchrist; treasurer, Miss Mae Smith.

Haughville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis will leave soon for an extended trip in the West.

Miss Gertrude Kemper, of Danville, Ill., was the guest of Miss Berta Jones last week.

Maple Grove, No. 20, Order of Druids, will give a dance in the reading room, Dec. 20.

Mrs. George McConnell, of Columbus, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Morris, last week.

Wichita Falls, No. 129, I. O. R. M., elected the following officers at its last meeting: Past sache, Albert Deppa; sache, Alonzo Armstrong; senior saganore, Jesse Alfred; junior saganore, Mr. Bruce; trustee, Jesse Alfred; keeper of records, James Ballard; keeper of wampum, Mr. Beasley.

Meta Council, No. 100, Degree of Pochontas, elected the following officers at its meeting last week: Pochontas, Mrs. Charles White; Wenonah, Mrs. Lillian Van Treese; Pontan, Mrs. William Harper; trustee, Mrs. John Dombrowski; keeper of records, Miss Daisy Hale; treasurer, Mr. Mark Smith.

North Indianapolis.

Mr. Virgil House is visiting friends in Columbus, O.

The Minerva Club will meet with Mrs. Lela Coleman, of Columbus, O., Dec. 20.

Miss Stella Morris, of Shelbyville, is the guest of Miss Mae Johnson.

Mr. Robert Crist returned, yesterday, from a trip through Illinois.

Mrs. Laura Potts, of Thornton, is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Hollingsworth.

Prof. J. Holbrook, of Cincinnati, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, last week. The Columbia Bay View Reading Circle will meet, Tuesday, with Miss Zerelda Pierce.

The week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Host.

Mrs. R. Lowstutter is the guest of her mother, Mrs. S. A. Hogue.

Mrs. J. C. McCain, of Shirley, was in the city last week visiting friends.

Mr. Forest Tucker has returned from a visit with friends in Plainfield.

Della Woods and Charles Steinhilber have returned from a trip to Lebanon.

Miss Ida Weber will return to-day from a visit with relatives in Cincinnati.

Mr. William Parlar has returned from a short visit with friends in Danville, Ill.

Miss Alice Wheeler, of Lawrence, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Edith Wheeler.

Mrs. Charles Stone, of St. Louis, was the guest of Mrs. William Campbell last week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity M. E. Church realized \$50 from the fair held last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Worth, of Plainfield, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt last week.

Mrs. Ed Caldwell, of North Vernon, will arrive to-morrow to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Byrkit.

Mr. Daniel Wilcox has returned from a visit with his brother, Mr. William Wilcox, in Danville, Ill.

Mrs. Hensley, of Shelbyville, who has been the guest of Mrs. S. A. Hogue, has returned to her home.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First M. E. Church secured \$100 as the proceeds of a fair held last week.

Mrs. Andrew Avers and children have returned to their home in Hartford City after visiting relatives here.

Mr. Homer McClure, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Frank McClure, of Martinsville, are the guests of Mrs. T. T. McClure.

Mr. William Reagan and Miss Berta Reagan, of Bridgeport, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rilly last week.

Mr. Nathan Thompson and Miss Jessie Thompson, of Danville, were the guests of Mrs. Lawrence Thompson last week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Morris-street Christian Church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Lacey.

Rev. C. E. Cantrill will occupy the pulpit at both morning and evening services to-day at the Morris-street Christian Church.

Mrs. M. E. Ferris, of Lawrenceburg, and Mrs. W. R. Jessup, of Guatemala, C. A. were the guests of Mrs. W. B. Welch last week.

Mr. Dell Vandiver and Miss Dora Bradford were married early last week by Rev. Protzman, of the River-avenue Baptist Church.

The River-avenue Baptist Church Sunday school will hold a bazaar Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week in the Devore block on Oliver avenue.

Comanche Council, No. 47, degree of Pochontas, elected the following officers last week: Pochontas, Mrs. Nora McCormick; Wenonah, Mrs. Berta Sorey; Pontan, Guy Huffman; prophetess, Mrs. Laura McKelvey; keeper of records, Mrs. Lida Purcell; keeper of wampum, Mr. Linneman; drill master, W. W. Tinsley.

The W. F. M. S. of Trinity M. E. Church will meet Tuesday with Mrs. Joel Baker. Mrs. Baker will be assisted by Mrs. Fred Metz, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Byrkit. The programme will include devotional exercises by Miss Harriet Phipps, reading of a paper by Miss Eva Smith and a recitation by Miss Lotta Wanda.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Gould, of 1140 River avenue, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Friday evening. About one hundred guests attended, many being immediate relatives of the aged couple. Those in attendance from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gould, of Peru; S. A. Gould and family, of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Van Arsdale, of Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Gould were the recipients of many handsome presents.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

California is the only State in the Union that taxes church property.

In Holland no landlord has the power of raising the rent of his tenants.

The Eskimos of Alaska make waterproof boots and shirts of the skin of the salmon.

New York city owes more by \$90,000,000 than all the forty-five States in the Union together.

The province of Manitoba, almost the same size as Great Britain and Ireland, has only 20,000 inhabitants.

According to recent statistics there is one man in about 500 in the United States who receives a college training.

Spain is threatened with a strike of schoolmasters, some of whom, it is said, receive a salary of only \$15 a year.

Robbing graves is the only crime under Chinese law for which the thief may be justly killed on the spot by any one finding him out.

The area of the United States is 3,500,000 square miles; that of China is 4,218,401, of which "China proper" has an area of 1,235,841 square miles.

The number of emigrants from Ireland for the ten months ending Oct. 31 was 43,549, as compared with 40,329 during the corresponding period of last year.

The exports of coal continue to grow monthly, and in ten months this year this country has shipped abroad coal and coke to the value of almost \$20,000,000.

Manila has about 165,000 inhabitants. There is a smaller number of saloons there in proportion to the population than in any city of similar size in the United States.

The highest match factory in the world is the Vulcan match factory, at Tidaholm, Sweden. It employs over 1,300 men and manufactures daily 900,000 boxes of matches.

There is a great demand for hands by the planters in Hawaii. No less than 20,000 men are needed there in the cultivation of sugar, and efforts are making to secure them in this country.

It is believed by many that the dry climate of Southern Oklahoma and the southern district of the Indian Territory is going to make all that section the home for the finest grades of cotton.

Horseshoes weighing an ounce each and just a trifle larger than a silver dollar were turned out in a California shop recently. They were made for a Shetland pony six months old and small for its age.

The driest place in the world is Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile. Rain has never been known to fall there, and the inhabitants do not believe travelers when told that water falls from the sky.

schools of the United States—as many as Germany, France and Italy combined and three times the enrollment of Great Britain and Ireland, and five times as many as Russia, with its population of 100,000,000.

Edward Everett Hale gives the following three good rules for life: "First, live as much as possible in the open air; second, touch elbows with the rank and file; third, talk every day with a man you know to be your superior."

One of the blessings which wise rule would give to South Africa would be a state system of irrigation. It is calculated that in the Cape alone 5,000,000 acres might be irrigated, with an increased value of \$20 per acre, which would add over \$100,000,000 to the value of the colony.

Oranges and bananas reach a delicious perfection in Porto Rico, and frosts are unknown. The cultivation of various crops has increased enormously since 1896, averaging fully 50 per cent. all around. The cultivation of cotton has increased 25 per cent; of coffee, 25 per cent, and of tobacco, 300 per cent.

That Senate customs rarely change is shown by the two old-fashioned snuff boxes in that chamber. They are carefully filled to-day as in the days when it was the fashion to snuff. Few of the present members use the boxes, but occasionally one of the older Southern members will go up, take a "pinch" and calmly await the answer.

Tibet is larger than France, Germany and Spain combined, and has a population of 6,000,000. It is ruled over by Dalai Lama, who acknowledges only nominal allegiance to China. He is the head of Lamaism, which is the oldest and strictest sect of Buddhism. Nearly all Mongolia is of the religion of the Dalai Lama of Lassa, and an ambitious man in the place could make trouble for China.

Once, only once, in the revolving years, Celestial song has gladdened mortal ears; Once, only once, the angels came down to earth With angel tidings of a Savior's birth.

Not to the mighty, to the wise or great, Did God unveil the story scroll of fate; But simple shepherds, keeping watch by night, Unleashed the glory break of eternal light.

And humble tears, attuned to lofty word, The angel's "Gloria" thus harmoniously heard—Angelic preludes to the carol high That swept with harmony the earth and sky.

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